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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF  
 ITEMS MARKED & HAVE BEEN COORDINATED

81. //CHILE: THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IS HOLDING MILITARY TRIALS OF ALLEGED LEFTIST MILITANTS, BUT TRIALS FOR HIGH-RANKING ALLENDE REGIME OFFICIALS AND OTHER PROMINENT LEFTISTS ARE PROBABLY SEVERAL MONTHS OFF.//

//SEVENTY MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT WERE TRIED LAST WEEK ON UNANNOUNCED CHARGES. ELEVEN WERE ACQUITTED AND 17 WERE CONVICTED BUT RELEASED BECAUSE THEIR CONFINEMENT ALREADY EQUATED THEIR SENTENCES. THE REMAINING DEFENDANTS RECEIVED SENTENCES RANGING FROM SEVERAL MONTHS TO 20 YEARS.//

//THE TRIALS WERE OPEN TO FAMILIES OF THE ACCUSED AND TO THE PRESS, BUT THE ACCUSED APPARENTLY WERE GIVEN ONLY A LIMITED OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE A DEFENSE. ONE COURT-APPOINTED CIVILIAN ATTORNEY FOR OVER 20 OF THE DEFENDANTS WAS GIVEN ONE DAY TO STUDY THEIR CASES.//

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//OTHER TRIALS APPARENTLY ARE UNDER WAY IN VARIOUS PARTS OF  
 THE COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL PREPARING ITS CASE AGAINST  
 THE ALLENDE OFFICIALS AND OTHER LEFTIST LEADERS IMPRISONED ON  
 DAWSON ISLAND.

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